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The SBC usually meets the
4th Thursday of the month at
4 p.m. in the
Mayor & Council Chambers
City Hall
1st Floor
255 W. Alameda

**More SBC meeting
information is available on
our website (see below)**



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PURPOSE OF THE TUCSON SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION

Ensure that the interests of private enterprise are championed, not to the detriment of, but to the greatest good of the public.

Monitor taxes and other regulations imposed on small businesses in the City of Tucson and help maintain a healthy environment in which businesses can operate.

Provide a forum for small businesses and bring issues to the attention of the Mayor and City Council.

Active Issues

❖ **City of Austin Study** - Did you know that Austin, Texas has a comprehensive program that has dramatically helped their small businesses? SBC has been studying this plan to see what it can do for Tucson. Contact us to learn more.

❖ **101 Ways to Help Small Business** - This is our purpose! To help Small Business in Tucson, your SBC needs to hear from more Small Business Owners - CALL or SEND US YOUR CONCERNS and IDEAS!

❖ **A-frame Sign Code** - Do you know the rules? *It has been almost a year and many businesses have found the process easier!* Are your signs APPROVED or AT RISK? For Applications and info contact Development Services, 201 N. Stone 1st floor 791-5550 or Joe Higgins of SportsBuzz Haircuts at 631-7400

❖ **Peddler's Ordinance** - This was a very heated issue a few months ago. It seems quiet now, but, we want those impacted to tell us how it has changed their business or their neighborhood. You are welcome to attend our meetings or contact us (see below)

❖ **I-10 Three Year Construction Impact** - Even if your business isn't located on the I-10 frontage road you may be impacted. The Az. Dept of Transportation has a consultant to help. We urge all small businesses to contact ADOT at (520) 388-4260 if they suspect they will be adversely affected.

Is Your Business Ready?

As a result of the recent election, the Transaction Privilege Tax collected by businesses will change starting July 1st. The Az. Dept. of Revenue will be handling the change, watch for info from them. If you have concerns, don't put it off, see WWW.AZDOR.GOV or call them at (520) 628-6421 or outside Tucson (800) 843-7196

Tax Seminars -

are available on a monthly schedule to help small businesses. More info is on our website or contact the City Finance Department (see below)

City of Tucson Small Business Commission - E-mail: small.business@tucsonaz.gov
<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/finance/SBC.html> or City of Tucson liaison, Ellen Hitchings, may be contacted at (520) 791-4080



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Small Business Resources

❖ ***Know The***

The U.S. Small
Business
Administration's

SCORE[®]

Counselors to America's Small Business

SCORE - Free, Confidential Counseling and
Training, with New Features. Call: 670-5008 or visit:
<http://scoreaz.org>

❖ ***City Finance Department/Revenue***

(520) 791-4080

❖ ***Better Business Bureau*** (now on-line, too)

(520) 888-1903

❖ ***Tucson Metro. Chamber of Commerce***

(520) 792-2250

❖ ***So. Arizona Small Business Assoc.***

(520) 327-0222

❖ ***Tucson Black Chamber of Commerce***

(520) 623-0099

❖ ***Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce***

(520) 620-0005

❖ ***MicroBusiness Advancement Center (MAC)***

(520) 620-1241

❖ ***National Assoc. of Women Bus. Owners***

(520) 32-NAWBO (326-2926)

❖ ***University of Arizona Bus. Resources***

(520) 626-2710

❖ ***TREO*** (Tucson Regional Econ. Opportunities, Inc.)

(520) 243-1905

❖ ***BusinessLINC - Free B2B resource***

(520) 243-1900

❖ ***Northern Pima Co. Chamber of Commerce***

(520) 297-2191

❖ ***Marana Chamber of Commerce***

(520) 616-0029

Know of a good resource? Tell us, so we can share it with others.

This is an open invitation for Small Business Owners and Community Members to communicate your concerns, questions, and comments about how small business is conducted and regulated in Tucson.

*> Contact the SBC by E-mail at:
small.business@tucsonaz.gov*

Important Topics

Small Businesses that use City trash collection, will likely **save money** by

Recycling more. Get more info -

call (520) 791-7131 or visit

<http://www.tucsonrecycles.org>

A-Frame Signs Applications & info

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Desert Waste Not Warehouse is a nonprofit
where businesses can donate older computers to
help low income communities. call (520) 623-7162

I Didn't Know That!

Tucson Regional

Economic Opportunities (TREO)

now has a Small Business sub-

committee which will be focusing on

Region-wide issues facing small

businesses. If you are a small business

with concerns that fall outside Tucson

city limits, this is an excellent resource

for you. Contact them at the hotline

number to the left on this page, or visit

their website: WWW.TREOAZ.ORG